

GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH  
ABSTRACT

CA, F & CS Department – MSP Operations - Procurement of Jowar to a quantity of 75,000 MTs through AP MARKFED @Rs.1530/- Orders – Issued.

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CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & CIVIL SUPPLIES (CS.I) DEPARTMENT

G.O.MS.No. 15

Dated :19-05-2015

Read the following :

- (1) From the Managing Director, AP MARKFED, Hyderabad  
Lr.Rc.No.P&M/Jowar/MSP/RMS 2014-15 Dated. 07/4/2015.
- (2) From the Managing Director, AP MARKFED, Hyderabad  
Lr.Rc.No.P&M/Maize/MSP/RMS 2014-15 dated.0 1-05-2015

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ORDER :

The Managing Director, AP MARKFED, Hyderabad, vide reference first read above has reported that the Commissioner and Director of Agriculture informed, the farmers in Guntur District cultivated an extent of 22,665 Hectors Jowar during the Rabi 2014-15, whereas the market price is Rs.1100/- per Qtl. as against the Minimum Support Price of Rs.1530/- per Qtl. and it may fall further during the peak arrival time and requested to alert the machinery to intervene into market by opening procurement centers under MSP operations to a quantity of 25,000 MTs of Jowar duly providing an amount of Rs.50.00 Crore as advance. He has also informed that the Central Government will extend its financial assistance only when it is procured under central pool and distributed under PDS. Jowar is not distributing under PDS in Andhra Pradesh State. Hence, the State Government has to bear the losses arises if any in the procurement of Jowar.

2. In the reference second read above, the M.D., AP MARKFED, reported the difficulties facing in getting loan from the NABARD due to lack of an order from the Government for procurement of Jowar as the earlier loan was sanctioned for Bengal Gram and Maize only. He has finally requested the Government to issue orders for procurement of Jowar to a quantity of 75,000 MTs and also for reimbursement of losses incurred during procurement and disposal of the Jowar by it.

3. The key factor in the procurement process is the payment of Minimum Support Price to farmers within reasonable time. Therefore the Agency needs to mobilize adequate funds before commencing the procurement operations. But present process of taking approval of Finance Department for additional budget and also underwriting the losses for such operations is taking time which results in delay of commencement of procuring process by the Agencies nominated by the Government from time to time. Government after careful consideration of the entire issue in detail identified the necessity in formulation of a policy with regard to market interventions whenever the prices of food grains/pulses/coarse grains etc., fall below the Minimum Support Price.

4. The State Government constituted 7 Sector Specific Missions. Primary Sector Mission is one among them, which is expected to be the principal instrument for farmer's empowerment. Government established Rythu Sadhikara Samstha under Primary Sector Mission vide reference second read above. The Rythu Sadhikara Samstha would be the Principal Agency of the A.P. Government to manage the Farm-sector Debt Redemption Policies and Programmes of the Government. The aim of the APRSS is to take up various measures and activities including financial support, agricultural debt redemption and such **other interventions** that would empower the farmers of Andhra Pradesh State.

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5. Therefore to ensure quick response to market fluctuations, Government have decided to provide budgetary support from the A.P.Rythu Sadikara Samastha in procurement process to Civil Supplies Corporation/AP MARKFED and other State Level Agencies authorized by the State Government. Operational guidelines will be issued by the Chief Executive Officer, AP Rythu Sadikara Samastha.

6. Government after consideration of the issue on par with Maize and decided to accord the permission to Managing Director, AP MARKFED, Hyderabad to commence procurement of Jowar to a quantity of 75,000 MTs from the farmers. To save delay, the Managing Director, A.P. MARKFED is directed to raise cash credit from NABARD. Necessary budget support will be given by the Chief Executive Officer, A.P. Rythu Sadikara Samastha, Hyderabad. He has further informed that the other terms and conditions laid down for procurement of Maize will be applicable to the present procurement of Jowar also.

7. The Managing Director, AP MARKFED, Hyderabad, is requested to send reimbursement proposals after completion of procurement and disposal of Jowar at the earliest.

8. The Chief Executive Officer, A.P. Rythu Sadikara Samastha, Hyderabad is requested to take necessary action for release of funds.

9. The Commissioner, Civil Supplies, A.P. Hyderabad, is requested to take necessary action in the matter accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

B. RAJSEKHAR  
EX-OFFICIO SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To

The Commissioner of Civil Supplies, A.P. Hyderabad.

The Commissioner and Director of Agriculture, A.P. Hyderabad.

The Managing Director, AP MARKFED, Hyderabad.

The Chief General Manager, NABARD, Hyderabad

The Vice Chairman and Managing Director, APSCSC Ltd., Hyderabad.

The Chief Executive Officer, A.P. Rythu Sadikara Samastha, Hyderabad.

Copy to:

The Spl.Chief Secretary to Government, Agri.Markting & Coop., Hyderabad.

The Commissioner of Marketing, B.R.K.R. Bhavan, Hyderabad.

All Collectors / Joint Collectors

The GA (cabinet) Dept. A.P. Secretariat with reference to Council Resolution No.78/2015 dt. 11.05.2015

The P.S to Secretary to the Hon'ble Chief Minister.

P.S. to Hon'ble Minister for Finance, A.P. Hyderabad.

The P.S to Hon'ble Minister for Food, Civil Supplies, Consumer Affairs, Legal Metrology, A.P. Hyderabad

P. S to Hon'ble Minister for Agriculture and Horticulture, A.P., Hyderabad.

P.S to Hon'ble Minister for Marketing Department, A.P. Hyderabad.

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SECTION OFFICER